



# **MERRIMACK FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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Projects: Residential Construction Projects  
Merrimack, NH 03054

To: Merrimack Home Owners

## **Permitted Virtual Inspections**

A virtual inspection may be considered acceptable in lieu of an on-site inspection for residential construction projects upon the completion of construction stages performed under individual building permits.

Virtual inspections, photos and videos of the work are permitted for the following:

- Sonotubes for decks, porches, sheds and non-heated additions (3 season or screen porch).
- Exposed underground trenches for placement of sewer, septic pipe and or electrical conduit.
- Light structural frame for decks, porches, sheds, etc., and accessory structures.
- Insulation – finished basements, additions and renovations to existing dwellings.

Each portion of a building and structure will be inspected for minimum standard compliance under the current adopted Building, Plumbing, Mechanical and NFPA - National Electrical Codes.

## **Acceptance Requirements for Virtual Inspections**

### **Building Division:**

- Using a video camera and/or consecutive photos, provide proof of the property address where construction project is located starting at the street and driveway, show the house number and walk to the location of the inspection desired.
- Explain, and show in detail, the method in which the construction work was performed, type and size of materials, connections, number of fasteners, etc.
- Show the placement of pipe, conduit or material in trench and footings, show the proper depth with close ups of the measuring tape with legible, increments in inches.
- Provide proof that the construction meets or exceeds the minimum code standards.

The acceptance of the virtual inspection is subject to the information provided under the authority having jurisdiction. Additional on-site inspections may be required to insure code compliance.